

National Night Out 2006

Award Competition Information

Award Guidelines: Local Competition:

We would like to encourage each of you to participate this year in our Local National Night Out (NNO) Awards Competition. This is an opportunity to submit a competition packet to compete against other parties in your Category, within your Council District. Those submitting entries can only register for one category. Winners will receive the NNO 2006 Sign Award for their efforts.

Category I:	Neighborhoods / Neighborhood Associations
Category II:	Apartments
Category III:	Other (Community Centers, Museums, Businesses, Schools, etc.)



To Participate:

Your entry **must** include a completed “Awards Application” form along with your supplemental packet (options are listed below). Each NNO party sends in their entry to compete for the NNO Street Sign Award, which can be posted at the entrance of your neighborhood or other place of prominence. **Our Theme again this year is “join our FFAN club” which stands for “Family Friends And Neighbors”.** Past entries have included the following items:

- Tri-fold project display boards,
- Scrapbooks,
- Hand painted banners,
- Display Mats
- Photo albums
- Videos
- Poster Boards
- (All of the Above)

We ask all entries to be clearly labeled as to which items belong to each respective group. We want to return the entries to their proper owners. Remember...be creative and have fun! We look forward to seeing you participate this year!

Deadline for Entries:

All entries **must** be received by the close of business, **4:30 p.m., on Friday, August 11th**. Entries may be hand delivered to the Volunteers In Policing (VIP) office at 215 S. San Saba, Ste. 100-A. Or mailed to **The NNO 2006 Team, Volunteers In Policing, San Antonio Police Department, PO Box 839948, San Antonio, Texas 78283.**

Special Request:

The City of San Antonio also competes at the National level. With your help San Antonio placed 3rd in the Nation last year. We are shooting for number one this year and we need your help to create our NNO 2006 National Competition Scrapbook. Here is how you can help:

- 1) Please include an envelope with a second set of any photographs taken at your event.
- 2) Include two (2) extra sets of any flyers, newspaper clippings, and/or newsletters advertising your event. Color copies are great!
- 3) Include a set of any handout(s) or give-away(s) (which includes pencils, stickers, key chains, etc.)

Judging, Notification and Awards Reception:

- The Greater San Antonio Crime Prevention Commission will judge all entries.
- Entries will be judged on Presentation, Originality and Content of our Theme “join our FFAN club” Make fans to display and use during the event.
- Winners will be chosen from **three category’s** in each Council District: *Neighborhood Block Parties, Apartments, and Community Groups/ Businesses.*

Winners will be notified of the time, date, and location of the Awards Ceremony. Attendees of the ceremony include The Mayor, Chief of Police, and City Council members. Your entries will be on display at the Ceremony and you may take them home following the presentation of the awards.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR A SUCCESSFUL NNO EVENT AWARD PACKAGE:

Planning – Advanced planning helps to ensure success. So please start as soon as possible.

Involvement – Contact the SAPD, San Antonio Fear Free Environment (SAFFE) Sergeants, and the Patrol Units at your local substations for officer participation. Also contact your area Fire Station by mail for participation. **Please note: The NNO office will NOT schedule these visits.** We only provide a list of registered parties to Police Chiefs and City council members.

Media – Notify the media of what your neighborhood is doing (TV, Newspaper, and Radio Stations.) Provide them with a concise thumbnail sketch of what it is you are doing. Write an article for publication and include it with your entry. Obtain newspaper clippings, newsletter articles or flyers of what you are doing.

Lights –Promote the proper use and energy efficient way of using security lighting. Talk with your Crime Prevention Officer or SAFFE Officer who has been “Crime Prevention Certified,” or contact CPSB for security lighting concerns. Have a lighting display as part of your party/event and make it informational as well as festive.

Summary Report – Though it is not a requirement, by providing a written summary of your neighborhood party/event it will help explain what took place and provides the finishing touch to a well-planned party/event.

Photos/Scrapbook – “A picture is worth a thousand words,” supply a pictorial essay of what took place in your neighborhood block party/event. Do not forget to add captions to the pictorial essay briefly describing what took place. Otherwise a picture alone might be mistaken for some other event. Send actual color prints, not color copies. SPECIAL REQUEST: If submitting photos for local competition please include a 2nd set of photos so NNO Staff may use them for the National Competition Scrapbook.

Videotape – Videotape your event capturing the sequence of events that occurred and the essence of the moment. Use Super 8, ½ inch VHS tapes, or DVD’s. Please label each tape and provide a log with the taped coverage of your party/event.

Judging – All block and neighborhood association parties will be evaluated equally. Single block parties will be weighed equally against neighborhood parties.